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STATEMENT OF MEXICO AT THE FIRST INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE REVIEW OF THE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Thank you, co-facilitators,

Mexico welcomes this consultation and appreciates the opportunity to reflect on how to strengthen ECOSOC and the High-Level Political Forum in a practical and coherent manner, building on resolutions 75/290 A and B and recent discussions on the effectiveness of the follow-up and review system.

From our perspective, the main challenge is not the absence of operational mechanisms. The UN development system at the country level—through UN Country Teams and the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks—already constitutes the principal instrument for supporting governments. Therefore, this review should not aim at creating new structures or parallel processes, but rather at improving coherence and articulation between global political guidance and existing operational frameworks, particularly in a context of financial constraints.



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ECOSOC and the HLPF should reinforce their role as bodies of strategic prioritization, validation and translation. Their outcomes should be shorter, clearer and more operational. Ministerial declarations and key messages could incorporate basic elements of operationalization—priorities, responsible actors, indicative timeframes and possible cooperation or financing pathways—so that they can be systematically integrated into Cooperation Frameworks, national development plans and multistakeholder partnerships without generating additional reporting burdens.

In addition, ECOSOC and the HLPF could strengthen their function as platforms for the systematization and validation of good practices, particularly those emerging from VNRs and other review processes. Clear criteria on replicability and territorial adaptation would help ensure that exchanges of experience are aligned with existing programmatic priorities, including those reflected in UNSDCFs. Improved coordination among subsidiary bodies and stronger alignment with the General Assembly would also reduce overlap and enhance institutional coherence.

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Mexico stresses that this review must be conducted comprehensively. In particular, the review of ECOSOC's Financing for Development Forum is essential. Financing gaps, debt vulnerabilities and fiscal constraints continue to limit SDG implementation. Strengthening the Forum's follow-up function, improving its interaction with international financial institutions, and ensuring that its conclusions feed more directly into ECOSOC's broader coordination role would help bridge the gap between commitments and means of implementation.

With regard to follow-up and review, Mexico attaches particular importance to enhancing the Voluntary National Reviews. VNRs are a central tool for learning and accountability. While maintaining their voluntary and country-owned character, we believe they should become more interactive and more clearly oriented toward implementation challenges.

Drawing inspiration from the Universal Periodic Review, VNR presentations could include structured exchanges, advance questions and clearer identification of priority follow-up areas. Greater systematization of findings—through technical repositories of recommendations and thematic linkages—would improve their



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analytical value and facilitate their use as inputs for programmatic adjustments at the national and subnational levels, without increasing reporting burdens. Voluntary complementary inputs from civil society and academia could further enrich discussions and strengthen territorialization of the Agenda 2030.

Finally, co-facilitators,

Mexico emphasizes that this review must be coherent with the UN80 initiative and the current financial context. A functional analysis approach should guide our work, evaluating how ECOSOC and the HLPF can better close the cycle between deliberation, operational support and implementation. The objective is not to redesign the system, but to optimize existing structures, strengthen systemic coherence and maximize impact in the decisive years leading to 2030.

Thank you.